

County Based Funding Practices and Ranking Questions developed by Local Work Group (LWG) For FY2008				
1.	County name			Houston
	The Beginning Farmer Payment Schedule Rate for this county is			50%
2.	PRAC. CODE	CONSERVATION PRACTICE NAME	UNITS	The Local work Group Recommended Using These Practices <i>(A "yes" has been entered for those practices available in this funding pool to use in your county. Blank practices are not available with this ranking tool but may be available from other funding pools.)</i>
	342	Critical Area Planting (Ac)	Ac	YES
	382	Fence (Ft)	FT or Strand/ft	YES
	393	Filter Strip (Ac)	Ac	YES
	412	Grassed Waterway (Ac)	Ac	YES
	561	Heavy Use Area Protection (Ac)	SF	YES
	422	Hedgerow Planting (Ft)	FT	YES
	441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation (No & Ac)	Ac	YES
	468	Lined Waterway or Outlet (Ft)	LF or SF	YES
	484	Mulching (Ac)	Ac or Sq Yd	YES
	590	Nutrient Management (Ac)	Ac	YES
	512	Pasture and Hay Planting (Ac)	Ac	YES
	516	Pipeline (Ft)	DIFT	YES
	378	Pond (No)	CY	YES
	521A	Pond Sealing and Lining, Flexible Membrane (No)	SF	YES
	521D	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (No)	CY	YES
	338	Prescribed Burning (Ac)	Ac	YES
	528	Prescribed Grazing (Ac)	Ac	YES
	533	Pumping Plant (No)	Each or HP	YES
	391	Riparian Forest Buffer (Ac)	Ac	YES
	558	Roof Runoff Structure (No)	LF	YES
	574	Spring Development (No)	Each	YES
	612	Tree/Shrub Establishment (Ac)	Ac	YES
	645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Ac) (Early Successional...)	Ac	YES
	472	Use Exclusion (Ac)	strand-ft	YES
	614	Water Facility (No)	Each	YES
	642	Water Well (Ft)	LF or NO	YES

3.	LOCAL ISSUES: Your Local Work Group developed the following yes or no questions to be used in the County Base Ranking Tool. Points will only be awarded with a Yes Answer.		
	Question #	Question	Points Responses
	1	Will this application result in the conversion of highly erodable cropland to grassland?	100 Yes No
	2	Will this application result in the exclusion of livestock from a stream?	95 Yes No
	3	Will this application result in an increase in water quality or a decrease in soil erosion as a result of livestock traffic?	90 Yes No
	4	Will this application result in a 5 paddock (or more) rotational grazing system?	85 Yes No
	5	Will this application result in a 3 to 4 paddock rotational grazing system?	80 Yes No
	6	Will this application benefit the wildlife species listed as endangered/threatened or species with diminishing population levels.	75 Yes No
	7	Blank	70 Yes No
	8	Blank	65 Yes No
	9	Blank	60 Yes No
	10	Blank	55 Yes No
	11	Blank	50 Yes No
	12	Blank	45 Yes No
	13	Blank	40 Yes No
	14	Blank	35 Yes No
	15	Blank	30 Yes No
	16	Blank	25 Yes No
	17	Blank	20 Yes No
	18	Blank	15 Yes No
	19	Blank	10 Yes No
20	Blank	5 Yes No	